MINUTES OF TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT THE HONOLULU ARMORY ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 2, 1927. AT 2:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

Colonel P. M. Smoot, Chairman Mr. Will C. Crawford Mr. Herbert F. Cullen Mr. Leo G. Fehlman Mr. A. W. Van Valkenburg

ABSENT:

None

This was the first meeting of the Territorial Aeronautical Commission created by Act 238, Session Laws of 1927, which Act was read to the Commission, copy placed on file and copy furnished each member.

The following motion was made by Mr. Van Valkenburg, seconded and unanimously carried: "That meetings of this Commission be held at the Honolulu Armory subject to the call of the Chairman".

The suggestions of the Chairman that Robert's Rules of Order be adopted as the method of parlimentary operation of the Commission; that every meeting be a special meeting; and that routine correspondence and business be taken care of by the Chairman, met the unanimous approval of the Commission.

The suggestion of Mr. Van Valkenburg that the principal items to be discussed at subsequent meetings be given each member as long as practical in advance of such meetings, met the unanimous approval of the Commission.

The following motion was made by Mr. Van Valkenburg, seconded and unanimously carried: "The Chairman is authorized to employ a Secretary for the Commission for a period not longer than six (6) months at a salary not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per month".

It was the unanimous opinion that the Chairman should make all necessary purchases of stationery and office supplies, equipment, etc. without any further reference to the Commission.

A letter to Mr. Van Valkenburg from Attorney General's Office, Territory of Hawaii, dated May 21, 1927 relating to the Air Commerce Act and its affect upon Act 238 of the Session Laws of 1927, was read and copy placed on file.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Commission that all matters pertaining to Air Regulations in conflict with Air Commerce Regulations, Department of Commerce, be dropped from discussion for the present meeting.

The Commission unanimously approved the suggestion of Mr. Van Valkenburg that the Chairman ascertain whether 1st Lieutenant Robert J. Brown, Jr., Luke Field, Oahu, has been appointed by the Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Branch, to examine civilians and their aircraft equipment for Federal license and if so to invite him to the next meeting. In the event that Lieutenant Brown has not been so appointed, that the Chairman cable the Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Branch, to inquire who has been appointed or will be appointed.

It was unanimously agreed by the Commission that no further licenses be issued until after getting in touch with 1st Lieutenant Robert J. Brown, Jr.

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The following motion was made by Mr. Van Valkenburg, seconded and unanimously carried: "That members of the Commission conducting aeronautical examinations be reimbursed for only their actual traveling expenses incurred through such examinations".

The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That after conferring with 1st Lieutenant Robert J. Brown, Jr., the Chairman prepare and propose at the next meeting such rules and regulations for adoption considered advisable for the Territory in addition to Air Commerce Regulations, Department of Commerce.

Act 277, Session Laws of 1927, making an appropriation to cover expenses of transportation and housing prisoners detailed to work on the airport at Waiakea, Hilo, Hawaii, and for the development and improvement of same, was read and copies placed on file and furnished each member.

The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman write the Attorney General for authority to purchase for use on the Hilo Airport a blacksmith's outfit including forge, tools, anvil, grindstone, etc.".

Act 257, Session Laws of 1927, appropriating funds for the acquisition, improvement, development and rendering safe and accessible airports on the Islands of Kauai, Oahu, Molokai and Maui was read by the Chairman and copies placed on file and furnished each member.

Colonel Smoot then described his recent inspection tour of air-port sites on the Islands of Hawaii and Maui.

Mr. Van Valkenburg addressed the Commission relative to his investigations and ideas of airport sites and landing fields on the Islands of Hawaii, Maui, Oahu and Molokai.

Colonel Smoot informed the Commission of his action on May 17, 1927 of having authorized Mr. Frank W. Fuller, Jr., to operate airplanes as a Private Pilot and to fly within the Territory of Hawaii, he having passed the required practical and physical examination for a Territorial license. This license is temporary and will be replaced with a regular license form properly executed as soon as such forms are published. Copy of Letter to Mr. Fuller placed on file.

A letter from the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association of May 9, 1927 re commercial photography was read and placed on file.

Letter from Messrs. Cain and Awana dated May 24, 1927 re permit to make aerial photographs, was read and placed on file. The suggestion of Mr. Van Valkenburg that the subject of aerial photography be taken up at subsequent meeting met with the unanimous approval of the Commission.

A letter from the Governor of Hawaii dated May 25, 1927 requesting a report from the Commission covering the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, was read. The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman prepare the report requested".

The application of Mr. Floyd Richardson dated June 1, 1927 to be examined for a commercial pilot's license was read. The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman answer this letter, stating that nothing can be done until after rules and regulations are drawn up by the Commission".

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The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That certain interested Army and Naval representatives be invited to the next meeting of this Commission to present their ideas or make any suggestions relative to cooperation in flying activities throughout the Territory".

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 P. M., upon the motion of Mr. Fehlman, to meet again at 2:30 P. M., Thursday afternoon, June 9, 1927.

P. M. SMOOT,

Colonel, A. G. D., Chairman.